Application No: 09/777,243

REMARKS:

A new Figure 5 has been submitted to address the errors indicated by the Examiner, Claims 15 and 16 have been canceled without prejudice, and the specification has been amended to address the Examiner's objection.

Applicants respectfully request that all the objections be withdrawn and respectfully urge that all the pending claims be allowed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles P. Wakefield
Registration No. 37,749

Phone: 979-238-2567

P. O. Box 1967 Midland, Michigan 48641-1967

Enclosures

CPW/alb

D-17999-1 8